

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington, DC 20463

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Sue Schechter, Treasurer Harris County Democratic Party 2404 Labranch Houston, TX 77004

RE: MUR 4764

Dear Ms. Schechter:

On June 23, 1998, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") found reason to believe that the Harris County Democratic Party and its treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.5(a)(1)(i). On March 14, 2000, the Commission determined to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a conciliation agreement in settlement of this matter prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.

Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved in settlement of this matter. If you agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return it, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission. In light of the fact that conciliation negotiations, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, are limited to a maximum of 30 days, you should respond to this notification as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or suggestions for changes in the agreement, or if you wish to arrange a meeting in connection with a mutually satisfactory conciliation agreement, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

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Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement